

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

A new drawing sheet has been added and includes a new Figure 2. Figure 2 depicts further details of the claims including a decoder from claim 1, a utility meter and encoder from claims 3 and 8, means for using spreading code (spreading code detector 14) from claim 6, and a modulator and decoder from claim 11.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

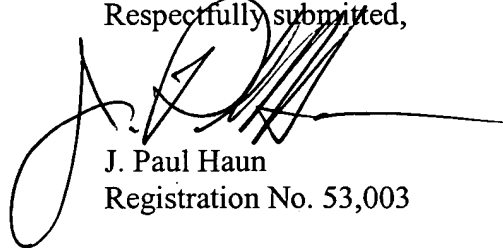
REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 11 is amended. Various paragraphs of the specification have also been amended to reflect the item numbers added by new Figure 2.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig. 2

